pakuti for L. R. M. work thus lessening the permanent staff. In consequence work all-round suffers.

The area of the pakuti is 49·28 sq. miles. At the beginning of this year we tried the experiment of taking one accountant and one peon from the Suranad pakuti. This led to disastrous results in that pakuti and the public suffered. So, we have now come to the House to ask for this additional staff temporarily for 6 months.

Considering the fact that the area of the pakuti is about 49 sq. miles, it takes a man several days to perambulate the whole pakuti the holdings in which lie scattered about. And even the indoor work, the staff finds it impossible to dispose of.

The Enadimangalam pakuti stands foremost in all respects—area under occupation, number of pattadars, etc. The revenue of the pakuti has increased from Rs. 9,508 to Rs 20,259. The area under occupation has increased from 8,109 acres to 19,257 acres.

The number of pattadars has increased from 2,436 to 7,239. Further, it is the largest and most important pakuti in the taluk. Yet it has only the minimum staff. The Public and the Government suffer in consequence.

I therefore hope that the House will grant this Demand.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know why provision for the purpose was not made in the Budget for 1106?

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have tried to explain why we did not include provision for this purpose in the Budget. We tried an experiment by diverting from the Suranad pakuti one accountant and one peon; but that was not satisfactory.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions the Demand.

The Demand was granted.

DEMAND No. VII.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 725 under Demand VII—General Administration—Huzur Cutcherry—Legislative Council.

This amount is required for the payment of remuneration to the non-official members of the Election Commission appointed in connection with the election petition filed by Mr. J. W. Rose questioning the validity of the election of Mr. T. C. Kesava Pillai to the Legislative Council.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know from the member when the petition was decided?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): About July or August 1929.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know when the petition was filed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot recall the date. It was filed soon after the election was over. The petition was decided by the Commissioners in July 1929.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has any explanation been submitted by the members of the Election Commission for the delay in deciding the petition?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No; there is no question of delay and therefore no explanation was offered. The three Election Commissioners, they were all of them non-officials, made a request to Government that they might be paid such remuneration as the Government deemed fit. After careful consideration and enquiry of the procedure that is followed elsewhere, Government decided to pay to the Commissioners a remuneration amounting to Rs. 25 per day of sitting. It is at this rate that the amount has been calculated. I hope the House will pass the Demand.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): കഴിഞ്ഞ ബഡ്ജറ്റ് തയ്യാറാക്കിയകാലത്തു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഈ സംഗതിയെപ്പറ്റി ഓർമ്മയില്ലായിരുന്നുവൊ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question as to whether any payment should be made or not was not decided then.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): എന്നാണ് ഇതു തീർച്ചചെയ്തതെന്നുപറയാമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is only very recently.

MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Kottayam*): "റീസൻറ്ലി" എന്നുപറഞ്ഞാൽ മനസ്സിലാകുന്നില്ല. വ്യക്തമായിട്ടുപറയണം.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It may be two or three weeks ago.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know the amount that was paid to the members of the Election Commission who decided the election case in Mr. Karayalar versus Krishnaswami Aiyar?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No payment has yet been made to any commissioners.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions this Demand also?

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): There is a cut motion to the Demand by Mr. L. R. Rajaraja Varma Koiltampuran.

PRESIDENT: Do you move your motion, Mr. Tampuran?

MR. L. R. RAJA RAJA VARMA KOIL TAMPURAN (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): I do not move the motion.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions this Demand also? The Demand was granted.

DEMAND No. IX—ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding

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